

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

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Case Title:

Pacific Steel and Recycling

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SYNOPSIS

On February 16, 2016, SA Stratton interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an entry team leader for Clean Harbors Environmental, regarding his knowledge of the Pacific Steel and Recycling release of chlorine gas on August 12, 2015.

DETAILS

On February 16, 2016, I interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an entry team leader for Clean Harbors Environmental, regarding his knowledge of the Pacific Steel and Recycling release of chlorine gas on August 12, 2015. After being notified of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in substance, provided the following information:

After the chemical release on August 12, 2015, Clean Harbors Environmental (CHE) was contracted by Pacific Steel and Recycling (PSR) to clean up and decontaminate the facility. On or about August 14, 2015, CHE began receiving requests from family members of PSR employees regarding the personal effects of PSR employees who were affected by the chemical release.

He was tasked by his CHE supervisors to recover multiple personal items inside of the contaminated area of the PSR facility. On his second trip into the contaminated area he was assigned by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to recover either wallets or keys from the Metso Shear. At that time, he did not know the name of the person who owned the personal items in the Metso Shear.

Inside of the Metso Shear he found a lunch pail. He opened the lunch pail and in the top compartment he found a box of "fake urine." He would describe the box as approximately the size of a juice box and had writing on the side to the effect of "fake urine." He instantly recognized the box as a fake urine kit, one in which someone uses to bypass drug tests. He left the fake urine and lunch pail in the Metso Shear because those items were not on his request list.

When he returned to the CHE command post, he informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the discovery of the fake urine. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent him back to the Metso Shear to recover the lunch pail and the fake urine. There was no name on the lunch pail but he believes he did find a wallet and keys inside of the lunch pail. He would describe the wallet as a long, check book, type wallet. He never opened the fake urine kit as it was inside of a sealed box. He believed the fake urine kit had been in the lunch pail for a while as the box appeared to him to have some wear. He turned over the kit to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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He followed (b) (6), (b) (7) who contacted CHE employees (b) (6), (b) (7) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the fake urine kit. They discussed the severity of the finding and that this could mean some trouble for the owner of the lunch pail. He told the CHE management that he found the fake urine inside of the lunch pail which was inside of the Metso Shear. He then went back to work and never saw the fake urine box opened.

A PSR representative met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the fake urine and the PSR employee informed them that a PSR employee was on his way to the PSR facility to recover the lunch pail and personal items. The CHE employees were documenting, decontaminating and bagging the personal items by names of the PSR employees.

He would describe the lunch pail as a maroon or red color in the shape of a square. The lunch pail had side pouches and compartments on top and bottom. The lunch pail was made of something like nylon, but had stiff sides. The zippered top compartment on the lid was where the fake urine was located. He found the lunch pail behind the seat in the Metso Shear, sitting on a small shelf like area of the air conditioning unit. It was located on the shelf with a newspaper, away from the Metso Shear door.

Upon finding the fake urine, he immediately recognized what it was and the significance of the finding. His first thought was something to the effect of "that shouldn't be there." He further grasped the significance of the finding because he found it inside of the Metso Shear.

The lunch pail had been rumored to have been found in the PSR facility break room, but in fact it was found by him in the Metso Shear.